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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF CUSTOMS AGENT CLAUDE MCDONALD AND ASST.
U.S. DISTRICT ATTORNEY CLIFFORD RYAN

CUSTOMS AGENT MCDONALD AND ASST. DA RYAN WILL TRAVEL TO SPAIN ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS, EXPECTED ARRIVE DECEMBER 4, DEPARTURE DECEMBER 11. TRAVEL IS IN CONNECTION WITH INVESTIGATION OF SPANISH LOOM MANUFACTURER DOING BUSINESS AS MATEASA, WHICH ALLEGEDLY DEFRAUDED SPANISH GOVERNMENT OF \$142.5 MILLION. USG IS SEEKING INDICTMENTS UNDER 18 USC 1962 (MAIL FRAUD). PREPARATIONS FOR TRAVEL BY U.S. INVESTIGATORS HAVE BEEN MADE THROUGH US CUSTOMS ATTACHE IN PARIS WITH SPANISH GOVERNMENT, PRIMARY CONTACT MR. SECCO, HEAD OF SPANISH CUSTOMS, AND APPROVAL FOR THE TRIP HAS BEEN GRANTED BY SPANISH HIGH COURT AND MINISTRY OF FINANCE. MCDONALD AND RYAN WILL REQUIRE NO ASSISTANCE FROM EMBASSY. ROBINSON

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